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REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are pending in the application. Claims 1 and 10 are independent claims. The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-18 on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 6,633,567. A Terminal Disclaimer with respect to U.S. Patent No. 6,633,567 is submitted concurrently herewith, together with the requisite fee, to obviate these rejections. Removal of the double patenting rejections and acceptance of Claims 1-18 is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above remarks, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

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